STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 329

SENATE BILL NO. 433

By Bunch, Gresham, Johnson, Beavers, Ketron, Woodson, Yager, Black, Faulk, Tracy, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 431

By Bell, Weaver, Evans, Carr, Dean, Floyd, Williams, Kevin Brooks, Watson, Lollar, Faulkner, Hill, Campfield, Hensley, Lynn, Dunn, Rich, Casada, Haynes, Swafford, Jim Cobb, Todd, Eldridge, Niceley, Dennis, Phillip Johnson, McManus, McCormick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3, relative to recognition of certain educational accomplishments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 1-3-1__. Notwithstanding any rule, regulation, or other provision of law to the contrary, a high school diploma awarded by a school as defined by Section 49-50-801 or Section 49-6-3050 in recognition of completion of secondary educational requirements shall be considered by all departments, agencies, commissions or other such entities of state and local government as having all the rights and privileges of a high school diploma awarded by a public school system. This section shall not apply to state lottery proceeds as provided in Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 18, 2009

RON RAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1st day of June 2009

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR